

Obesity and the Built Environment: *Improving Public Health Through Community Design*

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This conference will provide a forum to discuss and illustrate how different elements of the built environment contribute to obesity via access to food and physical activity, and how environmental health research and interventions can address this public health problem.

The built environment encompasses all of the buildings, spaces, and products created or modified by people.

- *Buildings (housing, schools, workplaces)*
- *Land Use (industrial or residential)*
- *Public Resources (parks, museums)*
- *Zoning Regulations*
- *Transportation Systems*

Conference goals:

- *Develop research and practice agendas to examine the relationship between the built environment and obesity.*
- *Enhance interagency coordination.*
- *Inform elected officials.*
- *Partner researchers, planners, health care providers, developers, policy makers, and community and business leaders.*
- *Highlight evidence-based strategies for intervention.*

For information, visit the conference web site—
<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/drcpt/beoconf/>

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